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## SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR CONTROLLING POSTAGE USAGE INDEPENDENT OF METER BALANCE

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## CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

[0001] The present application is related to co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/606,579, entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR AUTOMATICALLY PROCESSING MAIL," filed June 26, 2003; co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/643,745, entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DYNAMICALLY PARTITIONING A POSTAGE No. 10/677619

EVIDENCING METER," filed August 19, 2003; co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/677619

[Attorney Docket No. 61135-P019US-10303184]], entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR HIGH-SPEED POSTAGE APPLICATION MANAGEMENT," filed October 2, 2003; and U.S. No. 10/677829

Patent Application No. [[Attorney Docket No. 61135-P024US-10303362]], entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ACCESSING A REMOTE POSTAGE METER ACCOUNT FROM A DEVICE THAT HAS A DEDICATED LOCAL METER AND ACCOUNT," filed October 2, 2003, the disclosures of which are hereby incorporated by reference.